

## **REPORT OF THE ALTON GARDEN CLUB**

The Alton Garden Club has completed another busy year focusing on beautification at varied sites from downtown Alton to the Bay. Members who participate in this area deserve many thanks, as do Sunflower Gardens for their continued and generous donations of plant materials.

The Program Committee has worked very hard to incorporate programs that would appeal to a wide range of interests. The April program on beaded flowers started the new year followed by the May spring luncheon with Russ Bailey, the Town Administrator, as speaker. June found us a Temperature Tavern in Gilmanton for Coffee Hour. Our fundraiser for the year was a Home and Garden Tour in early July followed by a Tour of Parsonage Daylilies in Gilmanton later in the month. A talk of Herbal Preparations was held in August and a Fall Wreath Demonstration was given in September. The annual meeting and Holiday Luncheon in November ended a very enjoyable and successful year.

The Loon Preservation Committee, Nature Conservancy, Lakes Region Conservation, and the Alton Mrs. Santa Fund received substantial donations. Several books on horticulture were given to the Gilman Library in memory of deceased members.

The Club was very happy to welcome a large number of new members this year.

Officers for 2005 are as follows:

Viola Russell – President

Louise Karjanen – Recording Secretary

Margaret Birdsey – Corresponding Secretary

Myra Meier – Treasurer

Respectfully Submitted,

Viola Russell